Recommendations of the Science Advisory Council

1658. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Science Advisory Council has recently presented to the Prime Minister its report which is a part of "An approach to a perspective plan for 2000 AD Role of Science and Technology";

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the report; and

(c) whether Government have examined the report and initiated steps to adopt its recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT , ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Science Advisory Council to the Prime Minister has presented a report entitled "An approach to a Perspective Plan for 2001 AD : Role of Science and Technology".

(b) The report is a published document, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

(c) No decision has been taken in the matter.

Projects of Kerala Behind Schedule

1659. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of various projects in Kerala, under various Ministries which are lagging behind the schedule; and

(b) what action is proposed to be taken on each of the projects?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) According to the available information in the Quarterly Monitoring System of the Ministry as on 31st December, 1988, 4 projects in Kerala are lagging behind schedule. Names of these projects and the action, *inter alia*, taken for completion are as below:

(i) *Caproiactum and Ammonium Sulphate Projects (FACT)*: Constant pressure on equipment suppliers and mobilisation of additional resources/ partial off loading of work to other contractors havt been initiated.

(ii) *Aromatics Production Project (Cochin Refineries)*: Project is mechanically complete and commissioning activities started.

(iii) *Procurement of Dredger (Cochin Port)*: Delivery expected by November, 1989.

(iv) *Digital Trunk Auto Exchange—Palghat (ITI)*: Fund constraint in being removed.

Resignation by the Scientists from Government Establishments

1660. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what was the number of scientists who resigned from various Government establishments during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): As there are a large number of scientific establishments in the country, the information from various departments and centres is being collected. This will be laid on the Table of the House.